Elmer "Lucky" Huff, 72, of Grinnell died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Lloyd officiating. Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery, rural Grinnell. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. with family members present from 9 to 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Elmer "Lucky" Huff Memorial Fund.

The son of Victor and Marjorie Elliott Huff, he was born July 18, 1934, in Akron, Colo. He grew up in Akron prior to moving to Grinnell where he was a graduate of the Grinnell High School Class of 1952. He moved to southern California where he lived for five years working at various masonry jobs. He and his friends enjoyed motorcycling to old deserted mining towns. He then moved back to Grinnell where he began Huff Construction Company which he owned and operated for over 20 years. He was a hard worker who used his own hands to construct some of the larger brick buildings in Grinnell built during his time.

He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed camping at Diamond Lake, hunting deer and elk, and fishing for catfish and bass. He also spent many Friday evenings playing Pepper with his friends at Game Time. After retirement, he enjoyed fishing and taking care of Light's Pond.

He is survived by his children Eddie Huff of California; Jesse Durham of Sapulpa, Okla., and Eliot Huff of Grinnell; four grandchildren; one brother Donald Huff of New Mexico and a close uncle, Kenneth Elliott of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Jack Huff.